

# Maricopa County

Program Year  
**2010-2011**

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION



Arizona  
Department of  
Education  
Adult  
Education  
Services

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*Adult Education  
delivers literacy  
services to  
out-of-school  
adults who are  
16 years of age  
and older and  
who are not  
enrolled in  
K-12 school.*

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. Eleven programs are certified to provide Adult Education throughout Maricopa County. Through funding from the Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services, the fiscal effort dedicated to adult education in Maricopa County for Program Year 2009-2010 was **\$4,721,782**.

## Maricopa County Programs

- Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources, Inc.
- Friendly House, Inc.
- Gilbert Adult Learning Program
- Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County
- Maricopa County Adult Probation
- Mesa USD Adult Education
- Phoenix Indian Center
- Queen Creek USD Adult Education
- Rio Salado College Adult Education
- Tempe Adult Education Program

## Maricopa County Adult Education **DATA**

- 9,692 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 955,466 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$5.00 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$487 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student  
(compared to over \$6,000 funding per K-12 student)
- 60% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 81% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 63% who sought a job found employment
- 80% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 80% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data:** 6,613 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

## Maricopa County's Adult Education **NEEDS**

Of the approximately 3,951,450 people living in Maricopa County, 73% (2,868,791) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 17% (478,604) lack a high school credential. 9% (17,707) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school diploma.

8% of individuals 18 years and older (228,586) live in "linguistically isolated" households (*all members of the household 14 years and over have at least some difficulty with English*).

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009



Since the 2008-2009 program year, **Maricopa County** has been home to five programs that link Adult Education and Workforce Development. Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources, Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, Rio Salado College, Tempe Adult Education Program, and Maricopa County Adult Probation are the Maricopa County programs that have received additional awards amounting to \$642,000 to integrate Adult Education and Post-Secondary instruction in Arizona's current statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services  
[www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed](http://www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed)

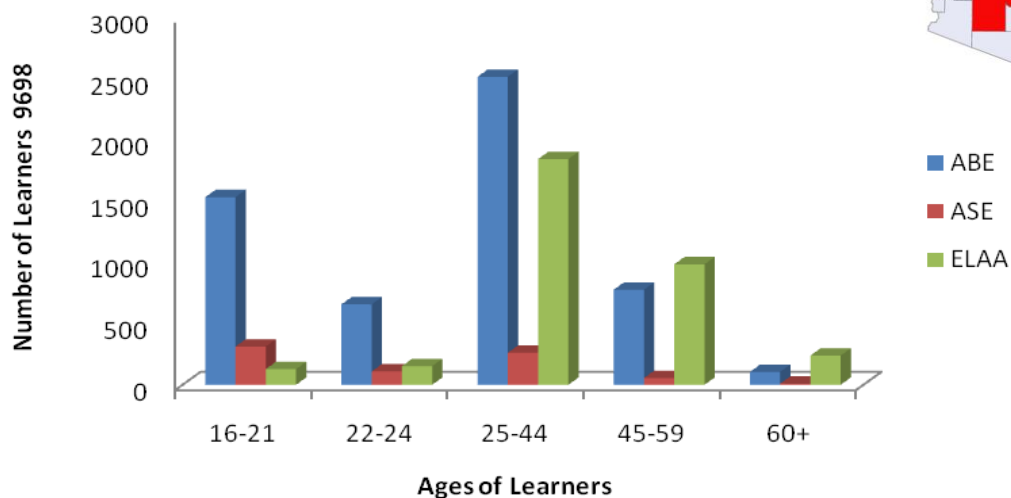
## SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in **MARICOPA** County

- 684,510 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Maricopa County reported 196,287 public high school (Grades 9-12) students and a dropout rate for grades 7-12 in 2007-2008 of 3%. ADE-AES served 2,891 people under the age of 25, of whom 68% (1,972) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 58% of the adults in Maricopa County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills at eighth grade or below.
- 48% of adult learners in Maricopa County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 44% of adult learners in Maricopa County are employed.
- 73% (2,868,791) of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Maricopa County have less than a high school education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 6,613 individuals earning a GED® in Maricopa County represent a potential increase in taxable income of approximately \$56,739,540 per year.



Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math **SIGNIFICANTLY** increases his/her earning potential & ultimate contributions as a member of the workforce, a family, and the community for a lifetime.

### Maricopa County Adult Learners



- ABE** = **Adult Basic Education** Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8<sup>th</sup> grade level.
- ASE** = **Adult Secondary Education** Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.
- ELAA** = **English Language Acquisition for Adults** Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

*EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.*